GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services – Social Welfare Department – Vigilance Report No.54 - Surprise inspections on certain PG Colleges by the V&E officials on non performing / unviable PG courses offered in Pvt. Professional Higher Educational Institutions in AP - Certain irregularities/violations noticed - Disciplinary Proceedings initiated against Smt.M.S.Sobha Rani, the then Deputy Director, Social Welfare, E.G. District and presently working as Deputy Director, Social Welfare, Kakinada District under Rule 20 of the APCS (CC&A) Rules, 1991 - Article of charge – Issued.

SOCIAL WELFARE (VIGILANCE) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.142 **Dated:16.06.2025**
Read:

From the DG (V&E), Vijayawada, Vigilance Report No.54 (C.No.5531/ V&E/Sec-II/D2/2020), dt.23.12.2021.

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O R D E R:

It is proposed to hold an enquiry against Smt.M.S.Sobha Rani, the then Deputy Director, Social Welfare, E.G. District and presently working as Deputy Director, Social Welfare, Kakinada District in accordance with the procedure laid down in Rule 20 of the APCS (CC&A) Rules, 1991.

2. The substance of the imputations of misconduct or misbehaviour in respect of which the enquiry i.e. proposed to be held is set out in the enclosed statement of article of charge (Annexure-I). A statement of imputations of misconduct or misbehaviour in support of each article of charge is enclosed (Annexure-II). A list of documents by which, and a list of witnesses by whom, the article of charge is proposed to be sustained are also enclosed (Annexure III and IV).

3. Smt.M.S.Sobha Rani, the then Deputy Director, Social Welfare, E.G. District and presently working as Project Director, DRDA, Visakhapatnam District is directed to submit a written statement of her defence, within 10 days of the receipt of this order.

4. Smt.M.S.Sobha Rani, the then Deputy Director, Social Welfare, E.G. District and presently working as Project Director, DRDA, Visakhapatnam District is informed that an inquiry will be held only in respect of the article of charge as is not admitted. She should, therefore, specifically admit or deny each article of charge.

5. Smt.M.S.Sobha Rani, the then Deputy Director, Social Welfare, E.G. District and presently working as Project Director, DRDA, Visakhapatnam District is further informed that if she does not submit her written statement of defence on or before the date specified in para 3 above, further action will be processed based on the material available.

6. Attention of Smt.M.S.Sobha Rani, the then Deputy Director, Social Welfare, E.G. District and presently working as Deputy Director, Social Welfare, Kakinada District is invited to Rule 24 of the APCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964, under which no Government servant shall bring or attempt to bring any political or outside influence to bear upon any superior authority to further her interest in respect of matters pertaining to her service under the Government. If any representation is received on her behalf from another person in respect of any matter dealt with these proceedings it will be presumed that Smt.M.S.Sobha Rani, the then Deputy Director, Social Welfare, E.G. District and presently working as Deputy Director, Social Welfare, Kakinada District is aware of such a representation and that it has been made at her instance and action will be taken against her for violation of rule 24 of the APCS (Conduct) rules, 1964.

(P.T.O.)

7. The receipt of the order should be acknowledged.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

M.M.NAYAK
SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
Smt.M.S.Sobha Rani, the then DD (SW), E.G. District
and presently working as DD(SW) Kakinada District
(**through** the Director of Social Welfare, A.P.,
Tadepalli, Guntur District)

Copy to:

The Director of Social Welfare, A.P.
Tadepalli, Guntur District.
(**with a request** to serve the orders to the CO
and send the served copy to Government.
The Director General (V&E),
A.P., Vijayawada.
SF/SCs

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SECTION OFFICER

ANNEXURE-I

STATEMENT OF ARTICLE OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SMT.M.S.SOBHA RANI, D/O. ANANDA RAO, D.O.B.:15.07.1964, THE THEN DEPUTY DIRECTOR, SOCIAL WELFARE, E.G. DISTRICT, PRESENTLY WORKING AS DEPUTY DIRECTOR, SOCIAL WELFARE, KAKINADA DISTRICT

ARTICLE OF CHARGE:

Smt.M.S.Sobha Rani, the then Deputy Director, Social Welfare, E.G. District, has failed to discharge her duties, responsibilities to conduct physical verification of attendance of Post-Matric scholarships, at least 5% random sample against details entered in the Jnanabhumi Portal for sanction and release Post-Matric scholarship claims under Reimbursement of Tuition Fee (RTF), as per G.O.Ms.No.45, Social Welfare (Edn.2), Department, dt.09.06.2017.

Thus, the Government Servant Smt.M.S.Sobha Rani, the then Deputy Director, Social Welfare, E.G. District, has failed to discharge her duties, exhibited a lack of devotion to duty, failed to maintain integrity, and behaved in a manner unbecoming of a Government Servant and brought down the prestige of the Government and thereby violated/contravened Rules 3(1) & 3(2) of APCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

M.M.NAYAK
SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

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ANNEXURE-II

STATEMENT OF IMPUTATIONS OF MISCONDUCT OR MISBEHAVIOUR IN SUPPORT OF ARTICLE OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SMT.M.S.SOBHA RANI, D/O. ANANDA RAO, D.O.B.:15.07.1964, THE THEN DEPUTY DIRECTOR, SOCIAL WELFARE, E.G. DISTRICT, PRESENTLY WORKING AS DEPUTY DIRECTOR, SOCIAL WELFARE, KAKINADA DISTRICT

The Director General (V&E) & E.O. Prl. Secretary to Government, A.P., vide Vigilance Report No.54 (C.No.5531/V&E/Sec-II/D2/2020), Dt.23.12.2021 has stated that, the V&E Department has conducted surprise inspections on various PG Colleges in the entire state on random basis to probe on non performing / unviable PG course offered in Pvt. Profession Higher Educational Institutions in A.P. and found certain irregularities & procedural lapses in sanctioning, releasing the Post-Matric scholarships claims; and Smt.M.S.Sobha Rani, the then Deputy Director, Social Welfare, E.G. District, has failed to discharge her duties and responsibilities for sanction, release the scholarship claims, without conducting physical verification of attendance of Post-Matric scholarships at least 5% random sample of documents related to scholarships against details entered in the Jnanabhumi Portal, as per G.O.Ms.No.45, Social Welfare (Edn.2) Department, dated:09.06.2017.

Thus, Smt.M.S.Sobha Rani, the then Deputy Director, Social Welfare, E.G. District, has failed to discharge her duties, not shown devotion to duty and exhibited conduct unbecoming of a Government Servant & thereby contravened Rules, 3(1) and 3(2) of APCS (Conduct), 1964. Hence, the charge against the Government Servant is substantiated.

M.M.NAYAK
SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

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ANNEXURE – III

LIST OF DOCUMENTS BY WHICH THE ARTICLE OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SMT.M.S.SOBHA RANI, D/O. ANANDA RAO, D.O.B.:15.07.1964, THE THEN DEPUTY DIRECTOR, SOCIAL WELFARE, E.G. DISTRICT, PRESENTLY WORKING AS DEPUTY DIRECTOR, SOCIAL WELFARE, KAKINADA DISTRICT IS PROPOSED TO BE SUSTAINED

LIST OF DOCUMENTS:

G.O.Ms.No.45, Social Welfare (Edn.2) Department, dt.09.06.2017

M.M.NAYAK
SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

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ANNEXURE-IV

LIST OF WITNESSES BY WHOM THE ARTICLE OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SMT.M.S.SOBHA RANI, D/O. ANANDA RAO, D.O.B.:15.07.1964, THE THEN DEPUTY DIRECTOR, SOCIAL WELFARE, E.G. DISTRICT, PRESENTLY WORKING AS DEPUTY DIRECTOR, SOCIAL WELFARE, KAKINADA DISTRICT IS PROPOSED TO BE SUSTAINED

List of Witnesses:

-NIL-

M.M.NAYAK
SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

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